



Application No. 09/854,807  
Paper Dated February 3, 2004  
In Reply to USPTO Correspondence of October 3, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 1217-010754

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/854,807 Confirmation No. 8883  
Applicant : Fujio Tanaka et al.  
Filed : May 14, 2001  
Title : METHOD OF REGENERATING ION  
EXCHANGE RESIN  
Group Art Unit : 1724  
Examiner : Ivars C. Cintins  
Customer No. : 28289

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on October 3, 2003, and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response to be due on January 3, 2004.

Therefore, a one-month extension of time will bring the response due on February 3, 2004.

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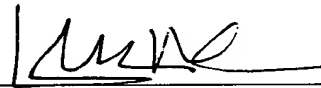
A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A response to the outstanding Action is filed concurrently herewith.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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